

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: March 25, 2003

Date Submitted: March 20, 2003

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Parwez Alam, County Administrator
Tony Park, P.E., Public Works Director

Subject: Acceptance of a Modified Grant Award from the Florida Department of
Community Affairs to Purchase Additional Portable Changeable Message
Boards

Statement of Issue:

Requesting the Board to accept a modified grant award from the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and approval of a budget amendment and resolution to purchase five portable changeable message boards.

Background:

The grant from the DCA for the initial purchase of five portable changeable message boards was dated July 9, 2002 (Attachment #1). The original Grant Award was for \$91,791 and Leon County Public Works purchased five portable changeable message boards with these funds. DCA has offered additional funding under a modified Agreement with Leon County in the amount of \$72,749 for the purchase of more signs (Attachment #2). The effective dates of this modified agreement are from the date of execution until September 30, 2003. A Budget Amendment Request and resolution are attached for Board approval (Attachment #3).

Analysis:

Staff, in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office, have determined that an additional five portable changeable message boards can be utilized to better notify, inform and update the local community for emergency preparedness. In addition, these boards may be used to enhance Public Works' Traffic Calming Program. Smaller, more manageable boards than were purchased on the original Grant are desired for use on our local roads and streets. Since smaller message boards are not available on State Contract, it is necessary to bid this purchase. The Purchasing Division has indicated that bids can be developed and awarded prior to the beginning of Hurricane Season.

Options:

1. Approve the modification to the sub-grant Agreement with DCA
2. Approve the Resolution and Budget Amendment Request
3. Do not accept the grant award or approve the Resolution and Budget Amendment Request
4. Board recommendation

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Recommendation:

Options #1 and #2.

Attachments:

1. Original Sub-Grant Agreement
2. Modified Grant Agreement
3. Resolution and Budget Amendment Request

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